

OUR MEDICAL COLLEGE.

ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT.

Address to the Graduates by Rev. B. M. Johnson—Presentation of Prizes—Interests and Exercises.

Last night at the Richmond Theatre, the forty-seventh annual commencement of the Medical College of Virginia took place. The stage was occupied by many of our most distinguished men.

Rev. Dr. Moses D. Hoge at 8:30 o'clock walked to the table which stood in front of the footlights, and offered a brief and appropriate prayer, in which he invoked the guidance of God in all the matters of State and learning within our borders. Then the orchestra played the slow and sweet notes of that grand hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

Dr. M. L. James, Dean of the Faculty, then announced the following named graduates as recipients of certificates in special branches of study: T. E. Aleop, George W. Archer, John M. Dix, J. C. Elom, R. C. Franklin, B. C. Jones, W. R. Meredith, J. A. Norwell, S. M. Robinson, W. F. Smith, all of Virginia, and J. H. Way, of Asheville, N. C.

DIPLOMAS AWARDED.

The Dean next awarded diplomas to the following named gentlemen: John W. Bolen, Carroll county, Va.; Robert R. Ball, Fauquier county, Va.; Scott W. D. Brewer, Rockingham county, Va.; Thomas P. Darracott, Richmond county, Va.; J. Gibson Davis, King William county, Va.; James G. Field, Jr., Albemarle county, Va.; Andrew C. Fisher, Richmond county, Va.; Robert H. Garthright, Henrico county, Va.; William H. Harrell, Martin county, N. C.; Isaac W. Kite, Orange county, Va.; Dr. Adrian Kuyk, Hanover county, Va.; A. Leslie Lefthick, Richmond county, Va.; Samuel H. Mitchell, Grayson county, Va.; William H. F. Miller, Botetourt county, Va.; Edward W. Morris, Jr., Hanover county, Va.; Edgar C. Macdon, Richmond county, Va.; John W. Simmons, Floyd county, Va.; Edmund A. Terrell, Hanover county, Va.; Walter L. Williams, Campbell county, Va.

GRADUATES IN PHARMACY.

William H. Nelson, Farmville, Va.; William M. Anderson, Richmond city.

FACULTY PRIZE.

Dr. James stated that the next thing on the programme would be the awarding of the Faculty prize. This was awarded to Mr. S. W. D. Brewer, of Rockingham county, and the presentation speech was made by Mr. J. Randolph Tucker, of this city. Mr. Tucker acquitted himself of the task assigned him with great credit and left a pleasing effect upon his hearers.

PURCELL & LADD.

Dr. James, in well-chosen language, referred to the fact that Messrs. Purcell & Ladd, of this city, had offered a prize for the most proficient scholar in the college, but as the offer had come in late it had been determined to give it to the young gentleman who came second in the race for the faculty prize. He said his distinguished friend Dr. J. J. Lafferty would present the prize, and that he would announce the name of the successful contestant afterwards.

Dr. Lafferty said: I am requested to present this case of surgical instruments to a member of the graduating class who has prepared the second best paper on the selected theme of cholera. The medical faculty are indebted for this prize to the public spirit and generosity of Messrs. Purcell, Ladd & Co., of this city. It was a timely and worthy act on the part of these notable pharmacists. The Medical College of Virginia has wrought faithfully and well from high motives and without special cheer from State or bystanders. This recognition of the public service of the institution by gentlemen of an allied profession in their offer of a valuable testimony for distinction among the students deserves this special allusion. We may take it as a good omen, presaging a wider interest in this Virginia medical school.

And there is such a thing as a contagion of success. The firm that lends a friendly interest to this occasion flourished before the war. Their anti-bellum fame and patriotic aid reached the banks of the Rio Grande. The house is historic. I don't know but my own infantile and inward woes were soothed by a small vial from a country store with the label of Purcell, Ladd & Co. They are the Methuselahs of medicine in Virginia. Time knows no age, and I have seen the good luck of Purcell, Ladd & Co. We may confidently expect the Medical College to share their healthy buoyancy by a sort of contact and transfusion, and become a Sampson of success.

But we allopathists are so liable to give too big a dose. I must reduce the quantity of this address. I am before you to present this prize to a gentleman who has won conspicuous merit by a treatise on cholera. The Asiatic plague threatens our shores and cities. It was wise in our medical college to arm our young physicians for confronting this enemy of the race.

If my friend the Dean of the Faculty will break the seal of his envelope and reveal the successful contestant, I will pass to worthy hands these implements of science.

Dr. W. H. F. Miller: I take pleasure in presenting you, in the name of the Faculty, this prize, honorably won, and I don't but will be used with skill and success.

PROFICIENCY PRIZE.

The next prize that was awarded to the student most proficient in study, Colonel Thomas J. Evans was called upon to present this prize to James G. Field, Jr. of Albemarle county.

Any man might be proud of being a participant in these interesting exercises at the forty-seventh commencement of the Medical College of Virginia; a school which has been from its beginning a benefit and an honor to Virginia; a school at whose birth were present such physicians as Warren, Callan, Chamberlain, Robinson, Johnson, and Maupin, distinguished for their broad culture and professional skill and learning. To many of the older persons in this audience these men were personally known. To our children we have handed down their names and virtues with grateful remembrance. If the spirits of these departed worthies

have visited the earth I do not think they would have ashamed of their successors.

The present faculty and trustees are to be congratulated upon the present prosperity of the college. In a time of severe trial, recently passed through, they have the courage to stand up for their rights, and their just and manly efforts were crowned with success—another proof that *fortuna facit fortibus*.

This large audience, which is but a repetition of what has occurred year after year, gives unmistakable evidence of the deep interest which the people of Richmond feel in this institution.

And well may they and all other people be deeply interested in an institution which year after year sends out men who in a great degree have the health and lives of the people in their hands.

The profession of medicine is a grand profession. The practice of medicine is a high calling.

You are to train men to alleviate the sufferings and heal the diseases of men, women, and children.

More than that, they are to be the family confidants and the keepers of family secrets. No man is so confident as the family physician. No men should be more faithful. None are more faithful.

The greatest man that ever lived on earth was not a banker, not a lawyer, not a politician; but a physician. He was called the Great Physician. He not only healed men's souls, but he gave healing to the deaf, sight to the blind, and made the lame to walk.

I would not disparage or belittle my own profession, but from schools like this the diploma of the graduate in medicine is of greater value than the license of the lawyer.

The medical student applicant for graduation is subjected to the examination of his teachers, who are always and everywhere the most rigid and severe examiners.

In Virginia the man who desires to practice law gets his license signed by two (formerly three) judges. He goes to the first judge and introduces himself as the son of Colonel Jones, and tells him that he desires to be examined, and, if found qualified, to have his license signed by the judge. The examination begins and ends with this question: "Are you the son of my old friend Jones who now represents the Fifteenth district in Congress?" The young man answers, "Yes, sir."

Thereupon the judge, taking him by both hands, says: "Why, your father has been my life-long friend. We served in the Legislature together, and he voted for me for judge. I will sign your license with pleasure." He signs it without ascertaining whether the young man knows the difference between Coke and Blackstone, or the difference between Minor's Institutes and the Virginia Military.

He then applies to the second judge, who is just about to start to his courthouse. With some impatience he asks to be excused, and tells the young man to call some other day; but thinking a moment, he asks: "Has your judge signed your license?" Being answered in the affirmative, he, too, signs it. The young man is sent forth a lawyer.

It has been said that a man at forty is a fool or a physician. I am over forty years of age and I am not a physician; ergo I must be a fool. However this may be, my observation teaches me that he who is his own physician has a fool for a patient.

And now, my young friend, in the name of my pleasant duty, in the name of Dr. Tompkins, your accomplished professor, to deliver to you this case of surgical instruments as a prize for your eminent success in your class. No doubt you have fairly won it, and let it ever remind you that every true man should be inspired with a laudable emulation to excel in whatever is worthy of a true man's efforts.

I have not opened this case. I never saw its contents. I could not explain them if I would, and if I could the time required for one lecture would not suffice to explain them to this audience. To you they need no explanation; and so I hand them to you sealed, unopened.

I trust that, though your practice may be large and continue through many years, you may never have occasion to open this case for use.

In the language of one of your most distinguished teachers, "The knife should never be used till the *vis medicatrix nature* has failed to perform its labor."

One word of advice—perhaps I ought to call it a prescription. You will naturally cultivate kindly relations with your patients. Let me urge you to keep on terms of friendship with your brother physicians. They can help you; you can help them. Should the idea enter your mind that you are the best doctor in the community banish it at once. Some of your patients will tell you that your equal is not to be found, especially when they want you to lessen your bill or postpone its collection.

Modesty is the hand-maid of merit. The world is full of men who are with them in the world. In Heaven above or on the earth. I should be very glad to meet and mingle with good men to day. Are just as wise and good as they.

OTHER PRIZES.

A prize was awarded to Mr. William M. Meredith, of Hanover; but he was absent on account of ill health, and the Dean of the Faculty simply announced that he was entitled to a microscope.

Dr. John N. Upshur presented J. Howell Way, of North Carolina, with a United States Dispensary for best examination on *Materia Medica* and the *Repetitions*.

Mr. Thomas N. Page next presented an ophthalmoscope to Dr. D. A. Kuyk, of Hanover county, for best examination on the eye and throat.

THE REPORT OF THE EVENING.

Rev. H. M. Jackson was called upon yesterday to act as the orator for the occasion. He discharged his duty to the entire satisfaction of the large audience, which listened with rapt attention to his remarks.

"I suppose it is sufficiently well known that I appear before you to-night in the character of a substitute. The duty and pleasure of addressing you has devolved upon me very suddenly and unexpectedly, and has found me occupied with many duties. Under such circumstances I am sure that I may rely upon the kindly forbearance of this audience and their courteous reception of the crude reflections which I have been able to gather together in my effort to meet the emergency upon which I have been thrust. Nothing but the call of friendship, to which mine ear is ever open, could have induced me to face this large and intelligent audience with so brief a time for preparation as has been allowed me."

Everything Rev. Mr. Jackson said

was appropriate, and it is regretted that it came too late for publication in full. It was enjoyed by all, and, what is best, the speaker seemed to feel all that he said.

APPOINTMENTS.

Dr. J. G. Fields, E. W. Morris, and E. C. Macdon were appointed assistant physicians to the almshouse, and Dr. W. H. F. Miller to the Retreat for the Sick.

THE UNION-DEPOT PLAN.

Meeting of the Street Committee Yesterday Evening—The Prospect Fine.

The City Council Committee on Streets generally (Mr. T. P. Campbell chairman) met yesterday evening in the Chambery Court-room, and further heard Major Myers on the subject of the Union Depot. General Manager Axtell, of the Richmond and Alleghany Railroad Company, was also present, and made some explanations to the committee.

The committee, after receiving the statements of these gentlemen, adopted a resolution asking the railroad companies to put in writing exactly what they ask of the city, and the whole matter was referred back to the sub-committee, who, with the City Attorney's advice, shall prepare such an ordinance as seems to meet the case, the same to be passed upon by the whole committee, and then submitted to the Council.

This, it is hoped, can be done by Monday, when the Common Council meets. It is agreed on all hands that to afford the railroad companies room indispensable for the management of their freight and passenger business Eighth street shall be closed from Canal to the bridge and Byrd street from Seventh to Ninth; but just here there is a question of tenure. The disposition of the committee seemed to be to make the privilege revocable by action of two successively-elected Councils.

Instead of widening Canal street thirty feet, Colonel Cuddeback was of the opinion that if the railroad companies widened it twenty feet it would serve all practicable purposes.

In answer to questions, Major Myers said that they would be glad to have all the railroads centering here to use the depot upon terms that might be mutually agreed upon.

The committee will require that the railroads shall erect a depot-building that shall be sufficient to accommodate all the trains, usually and that shall be securely and commodious. On this point it is not likely that there will be any falling out. Indeed, there appears to be no obstacle at all to prevent a full agreement between the contracting parties—an agreement that shall give to the public a fine depot in consideration of the surrender of certain portions of certain streets.

It is understood that the railroad companies are prepared to proceed to work as soon as their preliminaries are settled. As before explained, the passenger-depot building will be on the site of the Public warehouse, and it will front Seventh street.

DEATH-SENTENCE UPSET.

Opinion in a Case Where it Was Altered That a Woman Poisoned Her Husband.

In the Supreme Court yesterday Judge Faulstich delivered the opinion in the case of Ryan vs. The Commonwealth. June 20, 1884, the Hustings Court of Roanoke City entered judgment against and pronounced sentence of death upon Marcella P. Ryan, charged with the murder by poisoning of her husband, P. H. O. Ryan.

In concluding his opinion the Judge says: "There is not one single criminalizing or exonerating circumstance in the proof in the case; no proof of malice, no threats, no admissions, no contradictory statements, no attempt to falsify evidence or to flee from justice."

"The jury first found a special verdict by which they solemnly and principally administered the poison and that the prisoner was accessory to the death, not saying whether before or after the fact; and then, when under the repeated instructions of the court and its refusal to receive and record its verdict a general verdict of guilty, they earnestly recommended the prisoner to mercy. We have gone thus at great length through the record, and noticed *seriatim* the numerous errors assigned in the petition for appeal, because the case must go back to the court below for a new trial, the verdict must be set aside, the judgment of the Hustings Court of Roanoke City must be reversed and annulled, and a new trial be awarded in said court."

Judge Hinton did not sit in the case.

EDWARD KRAUS DROWNED.

A Distressing End to a Boating Expedition Yesterday Evening.

Messrs. Joseph H. Beckman, Leonard Forstmann, O. Pihum, and Edward Kraus got a boat about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and went rowing in the river between the old brewery and the Chesapeake and Ohio railway wharves. Upon returning Mr. Kraus attempted to relieve Mr. Pihum at the oars, and the boat was upset, leaving the parties struggling in the water about thirty feet from the shore. Messrs. Forstmann and Pihum reached land safely. Beckman, who had sunk twice, was seized and relieved of danger of drowning, but it took an hour to restore him to consciousness. Mr. Kraus was drowned, life being entirely extinct when he was taken from the water by parties who soon assembled on hearing the nature of the accident. Mr. Kraus was a son-in-law of Mr. W. A. Spott, and leaves a wife and children. He and his companions, save Beckman, were employed at the lithographic establishment of Mr. A. Hoon & Co., on Bank street.

The deceased was a worthy gentleman, was well known and highly respected, and his sudden and untimely ending plunges a large circle of relatives and friends in great grief.

CHARGED WITH STEALING FROM HOTEL.

William Hicks (colored), night-porter at the St. Charles Hotel, was arrested yesterday on the charge of stealing small articles and jewelry from the guests at the hotel.

A search-warrant was issued, his room searched, and a lot of the things found therein. He was locked up at the First station-house last night, and will be before the Police Court to answer the charge against him this morning.

YOUNG MAN DEFENDANT.

The City Circuit Court was engaged yesterday hearing the case of William K. Lindsay, a defendant against the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company for \$10,000 damages for injuries received by said Lindsay in 1883 while in the employ of said company at Newport's News. The jury brought in a verdict in favor of the defendant.

THE CLUVERIUS CASE.

ACCUSED IN GOOD SPIRITS.

Report to be a Free Man and at Home—The Belle Isle Visit. Allowed Identification.

A Dispatch reporter had another conversation yesterday with a prisoner in the city jail (sent there for disorderly conduct), and got from him the following points about Cluverius:

What did Cluverius say about the interview I had with you last week? I told him about it that evening, and he did not object; said he met with you at King and Queen Courthouse the day that George D. Wise and Pat. McCall had a joint discussion there.

How does he conduct himself in prison? He is somewhat reserved, talks to but few, and has but little to say about his case. He converses with me more than with any other. He frequently comes to my cell and remains part of the day, and then goes back to his cell. What do the other prisoners think of him?

They all think that he is innocent, and that he is a most excellent fellow. Did he ever say anything to you about writing letters to Lillian? Yes; I remember one day his reading the Dispatch, in which it was stated that several letters of his to Lillian had been found in his trunk, and he said it could not be true, for he only wrote one letter to her while she was in Bath, and that was a few days after she had arrived at Mrs. Dickinson's. I think he said it was in October.

Did you learn if he was in love with Lillian? Did he ever speak to you about being engaged to be married to her? He says his relationship with her was pleasant and that he regarded her as a most excellent young lady. He denies ever being engaged to her, or that he ever had any other affection for her than one cousin should have for another. He also says that the last time he met her was in September last.

What did Cluverius have to say about his interview with the two gentlemen as to his being at the Exchange Hotel in January? Well, I tell you, Judge Crump did not like it a bit, for he had warned him not to permit himself to be interviewed by any newspaper-man. Cluverius said that he had no objection; that he was perfectly willing to be interviewed by any man, and he had to have to say about the Police-Court proceedings last Monday.

He said the room was packed, and that the people eyed him closely; and don't you know that they followed him down here to the jail, and when the keeper put him in the jail-yard the crowd on the outside yelled like old Harry. Cluverius turned to me, smiled, and said that he did not blame them, for he thought that any man that was guilty of the crime that he was charged with—that of murder and seduction—ought to be lynched.

What does he say about the Dispatch? Oh, he says that you have dealt with him very fairly, with the information accessible to you; but that you haven't seen his testimony yet; and when you do you will find that you have done him great injustice.

Is he in good spirits? Excellent; he doesn't look like a prisoner, and really expects to be home in a short time.

Has he had any visitors to-day? Mrs. Tunstall (his aunt) was with him a long time to-day. By the way, the prisoner says that it is not true that he wrote or copied off that improper poetry said to have been found in Lillian's trunk; that he would not send anybody anything like that.

THE BELLE-ISLE VISIT.

On March 13th, a short while before dinner-hour (half-past 12 o'clock), a lady and gentleman were noticed standing on the platform which is between the sailing department and the rolling-mill at Belle Isle. It is an ordinary thing to have visitors there, but not at that hour of the day, unless the visitor is an agent for some article to sell.

The couple were first noticed by Mr. William Kidd, whose machine is in the sailing department near the door which leads out on this platform. He describes the man as being of medium size and height, with a thin, short, light moustache. He wore a light overcoat, and carried a satchel of a brown or red color, he thinks.

The couple then went on through the sailing department and stopped just back of the machines operated by Messrs. Joseph Perkins and David Lewis, where they watched the operation of cutting nails. These two give a similar description of the man. The pair were also noticed by F. Bethel, Benjamin Earp, and Jim Thompson (colored).

Mr. Perkins remarked upon the woman's condition. The woman (colored) carries the iron from the furnace to the nailers, and he says that the couple were standing directly between the furnace and a machine to which he had to carry some iron. He therefore had occasion to speak to the gentleman, and asked him to move, which he did, and spoke very politely in reply to the request. His description of the man is the same as the above. He said the man was a stranger, and had an uncommon-looking eye and nose.

All of the persons above mentioned entertain little doubt but that the man they saw at the city jail (Cluverius) is the same man they saw on the island, with his moustache cut off.

Thompson says he will swear that the prisoner is the man who was seen on the island, and that the picture of Fannie Lillian Madison now on exhibition at a number of places is the picture of the woman who accompanied this man on Belle Isle.

THE MOUSTACHE.

Captain Hobson (colored), barber, under the American Hotel, has been summoned to appear before the grand jury Monday next to give evidence on behalf of the Commonwealth in the Cluverius case. A Dispatch man yesterday saw the Captain and asked him, "Did you shave off Cluverius's moustache?"

The Captain: "You must excuse me. I can't say anything. What I have got to say I'll say before the grand jury."

WHAT WAS IN THE CLOTHING-BAG.

The following is from a letter to the Dispatch from Millboro': Mr. J. C. Jones says when Lillian returned from Richmond on the night of January 7th (I. A. M.) she had some books and a box of candy. A part of the latter she gave the clerk at Mrs. Dickinson's, she was in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson that "Cousin Tommie" gave it to me.

She also told Mr. Jones that "Cousin Tommie" met him in Richmond. She went to Richmond presumably to see her aunt.

When Lillian was at Mr. Jones's at

Christmas he laid a letter on the mantelpiece, remarking to Miss Mattie Williams, who was in the room, "You can read that. It is from that fellow of mine. He wants to come up here, but I know Mrs. Dickinson won't hear of my entertaining young men while I am teaching school." But the young lady did not read the letter.

"Mr. Jones, how do you account for the disappearance of Cluverius's letter?" was asked.

"They were in that clothing-bag, in my opinion," Mr. Hopkins carried the bag back and forth from the hotel to the depot several times. In each instance she would insist on carrying it herself and would not let it get out of her sight. Yes, I firmly believe she had those letters with her."

Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

Yesterday was Holy Thursday, and the services in the morning at the Cathedral particularly impressive and interesting. The oils used in administering the sacraments were blessed by Right Rev. Bishop Keane, assisted by a number of the clergy of the diocese; and after mass the Presanctified Host was borne in procession to the repository prepared for its reception.

Today is Good Friday, the day which commemorates the death of our Saviour. It is always observed as the most solemn of all the days in Holy Week, and special services of a peculiarly sad character are held in the Episcopal and Catholic churches. Services at the Cathedral will begin at 8 o'clock.

The tenebrae were sung last evening in the Cathedral. The tenebrae (signifying darkness) are intended to figure the withdrawal of light from the world at the time of the suffering of the Saviour on the cross. The name applied in the Catholic Church to the matins and lauds which belong to the following day, but which are sung on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of Holy Week.

At the beginning of the office thirteen lighted candles are put upon a triangular candelabrum, and at the end of each Psalm one is extinguished till the one at the top of the triangle only is left. To the growing darkness which results, and which is typical of what took place from the sixth to the ninth hour, is given the name tenebrae. The Psalms and chants were sung by a chorus of forty male voices—adults and boys. Rev. Father Doherty, of St. Patrick's church, delivered an interesting sermon on the Incarnation and the Holy Eucharist.

To-night, commencing at 7:30 o'clock, the tenebrae will be again sung, and Bishop Keane will preach on the Passion of the Saviour.

Richmond Tobacco Statistics.

PERIOD.	Receipts.	Stock on Hand.
	Hbds. Tos.	Hbds. Tos.
Five months ending Feb. 28, 1885.	6,913 1,677	10,278 1,011
Five months ending March 31, 1885.	2,616 658	2,955 587

PERIOD.	Receipts.	Stock on Hand.
	Hbds. Tos.	Hbds. Tos.
Five months ending Feb. 28, 1885.	11,532 1,715	13,225 1,598
Five months ending March 31, 1885.	10,470 1,661	14,538 1,706

PERIOD.	Receipts.	Stock on Hand.
	Hbds. Tos.	Hbds. Tos.
Five months ending Feb. 28, 1885.	5,332 521	2,086 41
Five months ending March 31, 1885.	4,961 378	1,917 30

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	Hbds. Tos.	Hbds. Tos.
Five months ending Feb. 28, 1885.	10,387 1,869	9,907 1,753
Five months ending March 31, 1885.	7,769 1,333	

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Five months ending Feb. 28, 1885.	5,318 1,271	4,428 291
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